

2020 Virginia Archaeology Month October Events

Throughout the month:



Title: Fairfield Virtual History Marathon

Location: From wherever you are!

Date: Oct 1 - Oct 31

Description: Join us for the first Fairfield Virtual History Marathon! Register for the virtual marathon for just \$25 and you'll be able to "race" throughout Gloucester, "visiting" 11 different historic and archaeological sites on your route (including Werowocomoco, Rosewell, Fairfield, and more!) Just log your activity (running, hiking, walking, biking swimming, gardening, you name it) from anywhere you are (using the Racery app or [racery.com](https://fairfield.racery.com/r/fairfield-virtual-history-marathon/)), and watch your **avatar** progress along the virtual route. You have from Oct 1 through Oct 31 to complete the 26.2-mile route. Proceeds from the race will contribute to the development of archaeological outreach programming at Fairfield Archaeology Park in 2021. Prizes will be announced throughout the race! For more info and to register: <https://fairfield.racery.com/r/fairfield-virtual-history-marathon/>

Speakers/Guides: N/A

Cost: \$25

Sponsor: Fairfield Foundation

Contact: anna@fairfieldfoundation.org
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Throughout the month:

Title: Archaeology at Monticello talks

Location: Monticello under the West Lawn tents

Dates: Every Friday and Saturday in October (Oct. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31)

When: 1 pm, half hour in length

Description of the event: Join Monticello archaeologists to learn about the vanished plantation landscape and current excavations and research. A Q&A will follow the talk. Event will be held rain or shine except in the event of inclement weather.

Speakers: Monticello archaeologists

Cost: Included with house ticket

Contact: Crystal O'Connor, coconnor@monticello.org
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Throughout the month:

**Title: Digital Archaeological Archives of Comparative Slavery (DAACS)
Conversations with Collaborating Scholars**

Location: Online

Dates: 12 pm every other Friday through January but ongoing (Oct. 9, 23)

Description of the event: Join DAACS staff and DAACS collaborating scholars for a diverse range of conversations on ground-breaking new research linked to DAACS. Conversations start with a short talk (between 20-30 minutes) followed by questions and discussion. No prior knowledge or experience required.

Speakers: Various DAACS collaborators. October's speakers include Jillian Galle and Suzanne Francis Brown

Cost: *Free*

Contact: Jillian Galle, jgalle@monticello.org; <https://www.daacs.org/research/discover-with-daacs/>
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Throughout the month:

Title: Council of Virginia Archaeologists (CoVA) photo contest

Location: Online

Date: October 1-31; Submissions are open from October 1-16.

When: Ongoing

Description of the event: The Council of Virginia Archaeologists invites its members to participate in the fourth annual CoVA Public Outreach Committee Archaeological Photo Contest. Winning images will be displayed on CoVA's website and social media sites. All entries must be submitted by a CoVA member in good standing or must be sponsored by a CoVA member in good standing. Voting is open to anyone; CoVA membership is not required to vote in the contest.

Cost: *Free*

Contact: Crystal O'Connor, coconnor@monticello.org, <https://www.cova-inc.org/photo-contest/>

Day-by-Day Events:

Oct. 3

Title: Fort Germanna Public Access Day Event

Location: 2062 Germanna Highway, Locust Grove, VA 22508

Date: Saturday, Oct 3, 2020

When: 10 am - 3pm

Description: The visitor experience at the Fort Germanna Archaeological site includes:

- Experience the dig site with Germanna's staff archaeologists
- Learning about frontier life within the fort
- Viewing active excavations
- Speak with Lt. Governor Spotswood as he shares his thoughts on the new Spotsylvania County-named in his honor.
- Having fun with history and archaeology-related activities for all ages.

Cost: Event is Free, but please *obtain timed tickets online* by visiting **Germanna.org**

Sponsor: Germanna Foundation

Contact: 540-423-1700

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Oct. 4

Title: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community Day

Location: George Washington's Ferry Farm, 268 King's Highway, Fredericksburg, VA, 22405.

Date: Sunday, October 4

When: 12 pm – 4 pm

Description: A guided tour of the new Washington House, eighteenth-century demonstration garden, and other landscape features. Tour will be led by archaeology staff member Melanie marquis and interpreted by Abbie Castillo using American Sign Language. Masks are required while inside the Washington house, and social distancing will be implemented on the tour.

Cost: \$12.00 adults, \$6.00 students; under five free.

Sponsor: The George Washington Foundation

Contact: 540-370-0732, ferryfarm.org facebook.com/FerryFarmAndKenmore

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Oct. 10



Title: First Baptist Church Site Open

House

Location: First Baptist Church Site, 105 S Nassau Street: on the corner of Francis and Nassau (across from the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg).

Date: Saturday, October 10

When: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Description: Each open house will include discussion, site tours, and on-site interpretation with actor-interpreters James Ingram and Joe Feaster, who portray church founder, Gowan Pamphlet at two different stages of his life.

Cost: *Free*

Sponsor: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

Contact: Crystal Castleberry, 757-565-8235, ccastleber@cwf.org

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Oct. 11-17

Title: Everyday Things, Everyday: Archaeological Artifacts of the Shenandoah Valley

Location: This is a virtual event of daily posts from the Massanutten Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia. It will take place during the week of October 11-17, 2020. These will be posted to the MCASV Web Page (<https://www.mcasv.net/>) and Facebook Page ([https://www.facebook.com/Massanutten-Chapter-](https://www.facebook.com/Massanutten-Chapter-Archeological-Society-of-Virginia)

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Schedule: Posted *each day* and will remain available.

Description of the event: Each day's post will include information and photographs of an 'everyday thing' in the form of an artifact recovered from an archaeological site in the Shenandoah Valley.

Speakers' names and titles: ASV Massanutten Chapter members are authors.

Sponsored by: Massanutten Chapter of the Archeology Society of Virginia

Cost: *Free*

Contact: Cindy Schroer, cschroer4@gmail.com

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Oct. 17

Title: First Baptist Church Site Open House

Location: First Baptist Church Site, 105 S Nassau Street: on the corner of Francis and Nassau (across from the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg).

Date: Saturday, October 17

When: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Description: Each open house will include discussion, site tours, and on-site interpretation with actor-interpreters James Ingram and Joe Feaster, who portray church founder, Gowan Pamphlet at two different stages of his life.

Cost: *Free*

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Oct. 20

Title: Monticello Archaeology Livestream

Location: Online

Date: Tuesday, October 20

When: 1 pm

Description of the event: TBD

Speakers' names and titles: Monticello archaeologists

Cost: *Free*

Contact: Crystal O'Connor, coconnor@monticello.org

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Oct. 21



Title: Virginia Museum of Natural History Homeschool Science and Engineering Virtual Academy "Virginia Indians"

Location: Zoom meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 21

Description: Students will connect virtually to VMNH educators to view exhibit components and learn about the natural resources that were used by early Virginia Indians in their daily activities. Students will virtually examine artifacts and reproductions to get a glimpse of the lifestyles of early Virginia Indians before colonization. Pre-registration is required by emailing discover@vmnh.virginia.gov or 276-634-4187

Speakers: Christy Deatherage, VMNH Education Manager, Kayla Lacy and Terri Robertson, VMNH Educators

Time/schedule: Ages 6-8 session: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Ages 9-11 session: 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
Ages 12 and up session: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$7 per student; Pre-registration is required by emailing discover@vmnh.virginia.gov or 276-634-4187

Sponsored by: Virginia Museum of Natural History

Contact: www.vmnh.net, 276-634-4187, discover@vmnh.virginia.gov
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Oct. 21

Title: Montpelier Archaeology Lunch and Learn--Archaeology of Women at Montpelier

Location: Zoom meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89919789210?pwd=K0tUOGZVS0R6T05uZWxaVDBGZFpQZz09>

Date: Wednesday, October 21

Time/Schedule: 12:00 – 1:00pm

Description: Montpelier's Curator of Archaeological Collections, Mary Furlong Minkoff, will discuss artifacts found at various sites across the property and reflect what they represent of women's activities.

Speaker: Mary Furlong Minkoff, Curator of Archaeological Collections

Contact: Mary Furlong Minkoff <mfminkoff@montpelier.org>

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Oct. 22

Title: DAACS (Digital Archaeological Archives of Comparative Slavery) Livestream

Location: Online

Date: Thursday, October 22

When: 1 pm

Description of the event: TBD

Speakers: Various DAACS staff collaborators

Cost: *free*

Contact: Jillian Galle, jgalle@monticello.org

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Oct. 28

Title: Montpelier Lunch and Learn: Archaeology of a Female Planter in mid-18th Century Piedmont Virginia

Location: Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82405964772?pwd=anFVS0JaUWYrWUI4cXh6cnhScjVqdz09>

Date: Wednesday, October 28

When: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Description: Records for females in 18th-century society are often scarce. Such is the case for our investigations into President James Madison's Grandmother Frances Taylor Madison. Widowed in 1732, she ran the Montpelier plantation for the first thirty years of its existence. Using a combination of archaeological evidence, a scattering of court records, and information on her oldest son (James Madison, Sr.), we build a case for intersectionality between gender, sexuality, generational deference, and race within a paternalistic society.

Contact: Mary Furlong Minkoff <mfminkoff@montpelier.org>